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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

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AA United States Patent No. 5,626,623

AB United States Patent No. 5,105,810

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA and AB were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the European application corresponding to the present United States application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith. As can be seen, these references were cited in Category "A" as constituting general technological background information. The Search Report also cited United States Patent No. 5,368,040, however, that reference has already been made of record of as Reference AB in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 20, 2002.



Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith. Since both of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the other previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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